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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**FARGO, N.D. February 27, 2017** - For the month of February 2017, thawing conditions helped settle the snow, making it easier to access feed supplies, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Temperatures averaged six degrees above normal. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 4 short, 71 adequate, and 24 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 7 short, 77 adequate, and 15 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 4 percent very poor, 1 poor, 14 fair, 76 good, and 5 excellent.

**Livestock Report:** Cattle and calf conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 21 fair, 69 good, and 6 excellent. Cattle and calf death loss rated 2 percent heavy, 66 average, and 32 light. Calving progress was 10 percent complete.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 22 fair, 68 good, and 6 excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 3 percent heavy, 58 average, and 39 light. Lambing progress was at 20 percent complete.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 4 percent very short, 16 short, 78 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 5 short, 87 adequate, and 7 surplus.

*Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency and NDSU Extension Service.*

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